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1. Weisse Stadt restricted area

There were no observations indicating any noticeable change in the occupation of the air force section of Weisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg up to 20 March 1955. Only the personnel of Unit Koslov who had temporarily moved into the second story of building No 29 returned to their old quarters in building No 2 which in the meantime were being renovated. The kitchen and messhall of Unit Koslov were to be shifted from building No 1 to building No 29 and the vacated rooms were to be used as quarters presumably for officer dependents. Building No 3, previously occupied by officer dependents of Army Unit Kuleshov, was renovated and furnished with new billeting equipment. The following detailed observations were made in this building:

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Each entry leads to 4 lodgings and each lodging was equipped with 13 beds, 13 bed-side tables and 13 chairs. Three to 5 beds were in each ~~room depending~~ on the size. There was an attic with one bed to each entry. Thus, the entire building had 224 beds. From the arrangement and the interior decoration of the housing units it was inferred that the building was scheduled to be occupied by air force officers in the near future.

The apartments of No. 4 entry in building No 5 which had been vacated by Unit ~~Kuleshov~~ ~~was renovated but~~ not yet re-occupied. Air force officer dependents were presumably to move into this building.

Renovating work in building No 8 was also completed. Interior decorating was started. The building was to be taken over by an air force unit.

Buildings Nos 16, 24, 25, 26, 36 and 37 which were also renovated were presumably to be occupied by air force officer dependents. 1

2. Vehicular traffic

During the last days of March, the following air force motor vehicles were observed in the restricted area:

Trucks  Ambulance  Tank Truck

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3. The following observations were made at Oranienburg airfield between 16 and 28 March:

16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 28 March. There was no air activity.

At about 1200 on 19 March, a Li-2 transport was parked just south of the hangar. Air force personnel who had presumably arrived with the aircraft entered a truck and moved to Weisse Stadt.

On 21 March, a boxcar with closed doors was seen on the spur track north of the hangar. A truck with a trailer were parked near the fuel dump east of the hangar. Both vehicles were loaded with 200-liter fuel drums.

On 28 March, 1 caterpillar tractor, at least 11 tank trucks and 12 trucks were parked north of the hangar near the spur track.

4. Weisse Stadt restricted area

On 21 March, 300 to 400 men of the Red Army were quartered in the Weisse Stadt restricted area. Soldiers who were seen entering and leaving the installation wore blue epaulets with air force insignia. Jeep [redacted] left the area.

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5. [redacted] Oranienburg airfield would be occupied by a new unit in late March 1955.

On 11 March, high ranking officers arrived on a Li-2 and subsequently inspected the airfield and Weisse Stadt.

On 24 March, 150 soldiers wearing poor uniforms with silver propeller insignia on the collar patches arrived in Weisse Stadt coming from the USSR. The soldiers were to be issued new uniforms in the next days.

On 26 March, 50 officers who also wore poor uniforms with silver propeller insignia arrived in Weisse Stadt after landing in twin-engine aircraft at Oranienburg airfield coming from the USSR. [redacted]

[redacted] Weisse Stadt and the pertaining buildings, such as Hans Schemm School and 2 opposite buildings were to be occupied by more than 2,000 men. The troops previously quartered there were to remain in Oranienburg as guard personnel. The new unit was expected to arrive every day. 1

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6. Radio Installations

On 16 March, it was observed that a DF station was under construction 2.4 km south of the Pinnow Bridge, on the western bank of the Havel River. The building was about 7 meters long and 4 meters wide. It was located about 75 meters south of kilometer marker 18.6 on the Havel River and about 50 meters west of the river. Interior work was not yet done in the building which was guarded by a detail of 3 men. On 28 March, a radio mast and radio truck were seen at the field 200 meters east of the southern end of the runway. The 7-meter mast had dipoles on top. 3

1. [redacted] Comment. It seems that most of the renovating work in the quartering buildings in Weisse Stadt has been completed. At least a portion of the army units will presumably leave the air force section. The arrival of a new unit started on 19, 24 and 26 March when officers and soldiers arrived from an unidentified place.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The establishment of ground radio installations is connected with the expected occupation by an air unit.

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